

May I be allowed to say a few words in introducing the whole subject:

Mr. Household and all connected with what may loosely be termed "propaganda" are aware of the increasing number of thoughtful men and women, heads of schools, who have become convinced that for the benefit of their children they would like to apply Miss Mason's principles and methods in their schools, and ask for properly equipped helpers for this purpose. The work of this office, averaging 120 letters a day, is concerned with answering questions as to these teaching methods.

The time of what used to be called loosely "P.E.U. work" is practically over. The educated mothers get their information from books, the working class mothers from baby clinics, etc. and though possibly the time again may come when Miss Mason's teaching will be valued at its true worth in pre-school room days, it is rather in the background, and our work at present lies in trying to meet the demand for trained teachers. On this much time, money and energy is being expended; we are seeking some method of equipping such teachers, hence you have been called together to ascertain the best method of making this supply.

We are actuated by no consideration for a career for anybody of people, but by two considerations only, one: that Miss Mason's teaching should become more widely known, to take her motto: "for the children's sake". The foundation of the whole of our work is ~~the Parents' Union School~~ her philosophy and methods, and our material is the Parents' Union School curriculum, the food which forms the children's spiritual nourishment. We know that this nourishment is ably supplied to thousands of children by men and women trained on other lines, who have come to understand its beauty. It is less well done, and there is considerable danger of its being belittled and misunderstood by being used by untrained teachers, or teachers imperfectly trained for this especial job.